

In summary, the shrink-wrap casket shield as disclosed herein provides the following benefits and advantages:

- an impenetrable barrier against crypt gnats;
- protection against liquid leakage;
- 5      • protection for wood caskets;
- a two-way ventilation system;
- a safe, simple and quick process requiring only a few minutes to install;
- low cost;
- transparent sealing material for easy casket identification, e.g., for temporary
- 10      entombments;
- kit application for convenient shipping and assembling of the components; and
- use of simple, readily available materials.

#### CLAIMS

We claim:

- 15      1. A casket within a shrink-wrap plastic enclosure that is sealed except for a ventilation port that permits air to flow into and out of the enclosure through a screen that is impenetrable to crypt gnats.
2. The casket of claim 1 wherein the screen has an opening size of less than or equal to 285 microns.
- 20      3. The casket of claim 1 wherein the screen comprises a polymeric fabric.
4. A method for making a casket with a shrink wrap plastic enclosure comprising steps of  
sealing all seams with tape  
applying heat to heat shrink the plastic and

inserting a ventilation port that permits air to flow into and out of the enclosure through a screen that is impenetrable to crypt gnats.